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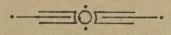


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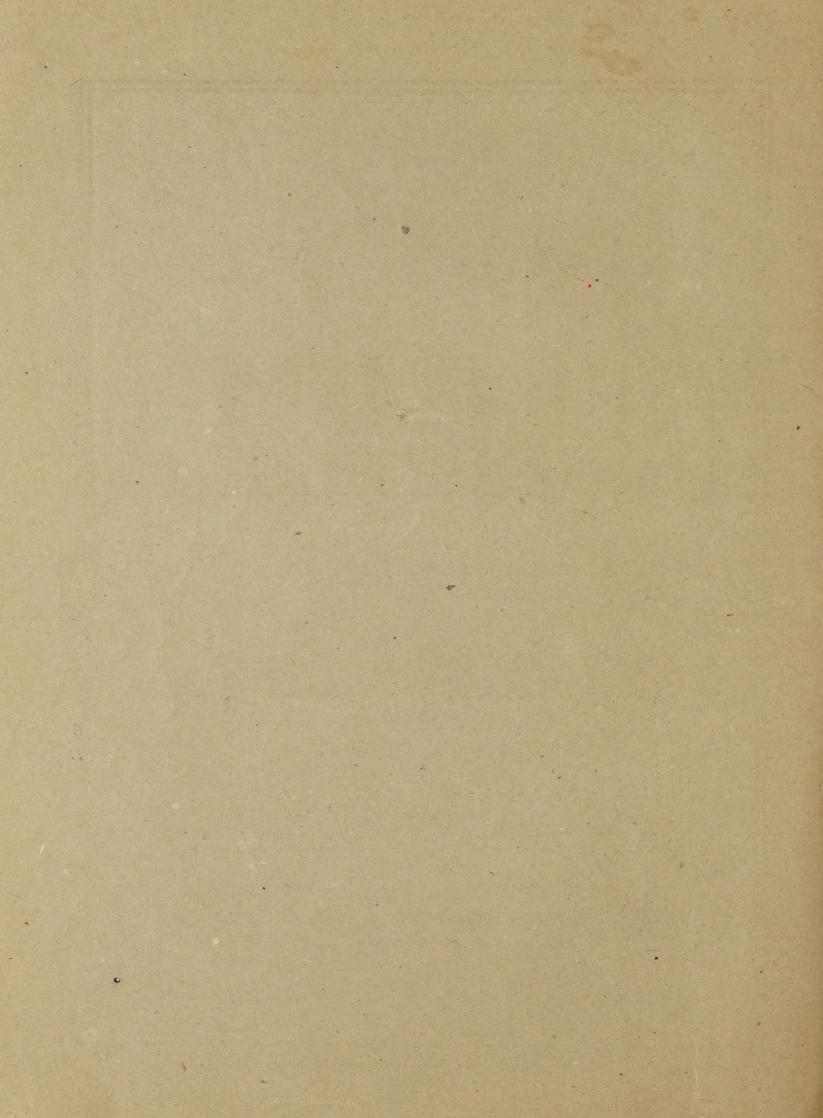
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The Lowestoft Boat.

In Lowestoft a boat was laid,
Mark well what I do say!
And she was built for the herring trade.
But she has gone a-rovin', a-rovin',
The Lord knows where!

They gave her Government coal to burn, And a Q. F. gun at bow and stern, And sent her out a-rovin', etc.

Her skipper was mate of a bucko ship Which always killed one man per trip, So he is used to rovin', etc.

Her mate was skipper of a chapel in Wales, And so he fights in topper and tails, Religious tho' rovin', etc.

Her engineer is fifty-eight, So he's prepared to meet his fate, Which ain't unlikely rovin', etc.

Her leading-stoker's seventeen, So he don't know what the Judgments mean, Unless he cops 'em rovin', etc.

Her cook was chef in the Lost Dogs' Home,
Mark well what I do say!

And I'm sorry for Fritz when they all come
A-rovin', a-rovin', a-roarin' and a-rovin',
Round the North Sea rovin',
The Lord knows where!

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The Lowestoft Boat.

(A Chanty.)

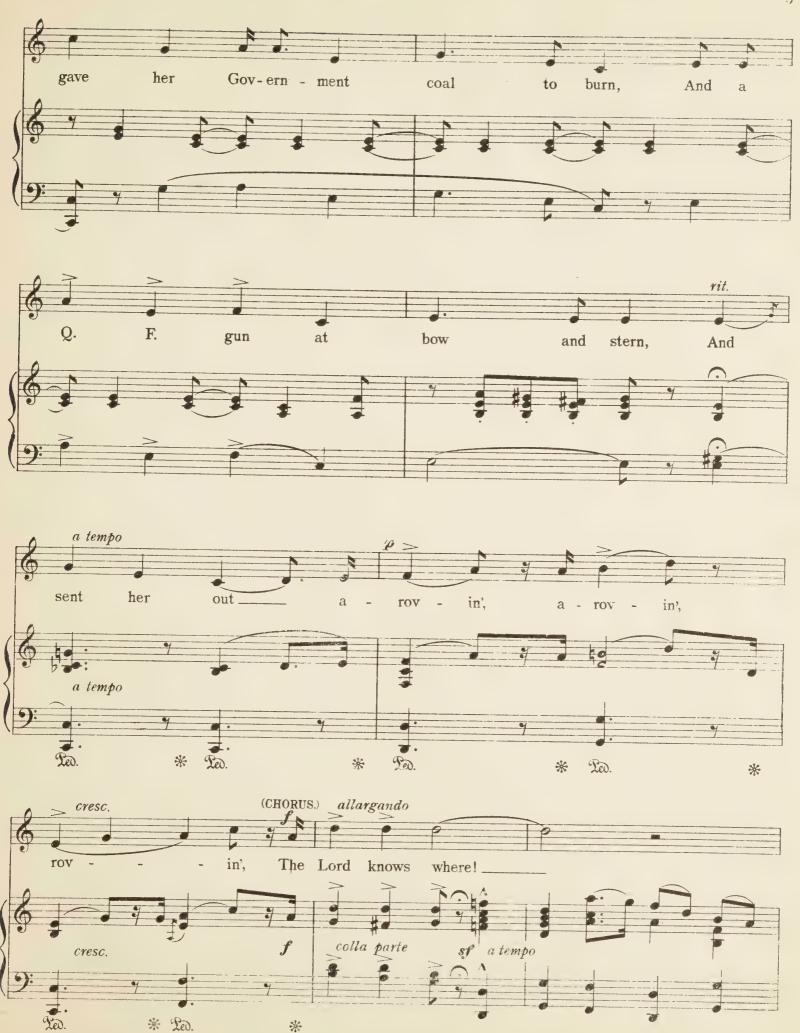
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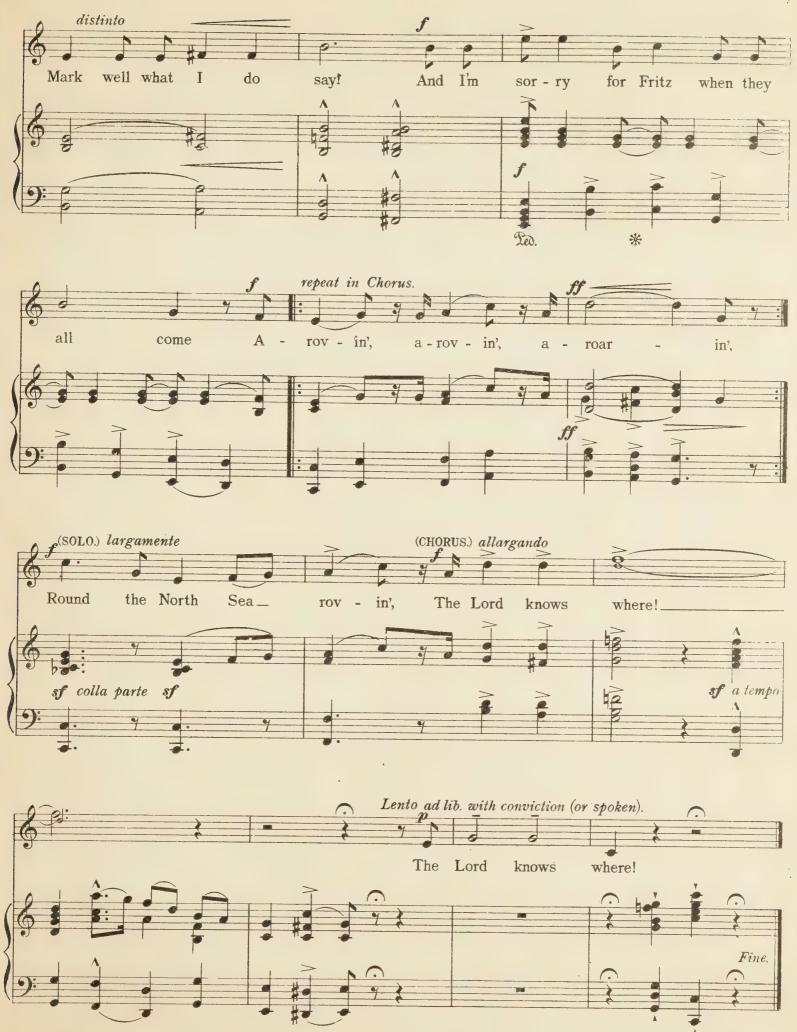


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Fate's Discourtesy.

Be well assured that on our side
Our challenged oceans fight,
Though headlong wind and heaping tide
Make us their sport to-night.
Through force of weather, not of war,
In jeopardy we steer.
Then, welcome Fate's discourtesy
Whereby it shall appear
How in all time of our distress
As in our triumph too,
The game is more than the player of the game,
And the ship is more than the crew!

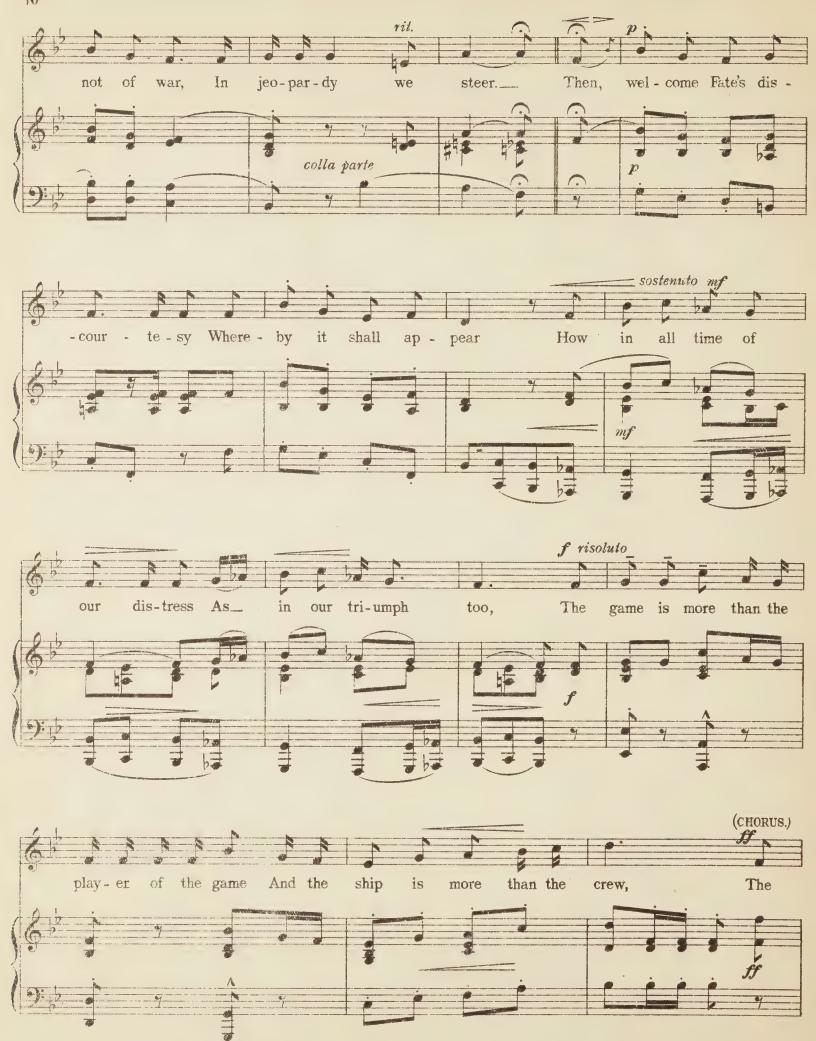
Be well assured, though wave and wind
Have mightier blows in store,
That we who keep the watch assigned
Must stand to it the more;
And as our streaming bows dismiss
Each billow's baulked career,
Sing, welcome Fate's discourtesy
Whereby it is made clear
How in all time of our distress
As in our triumph too,
The game is more than the player of the game,
And the ship is more than the crew!

Be well assured, though in our power
Is nothing left to give
But time and place to meet the hour
And leave to strive to live,
Till these dissolve our Order holds,
Our Service binds us here.
Then, welcome Fate's discourtesy
Whereby it is made clear
How in all time of our distress
And our deliverance too,
The game is more than the player of the game,
And the ship is more than the crew!

Fate's Discourtesy.



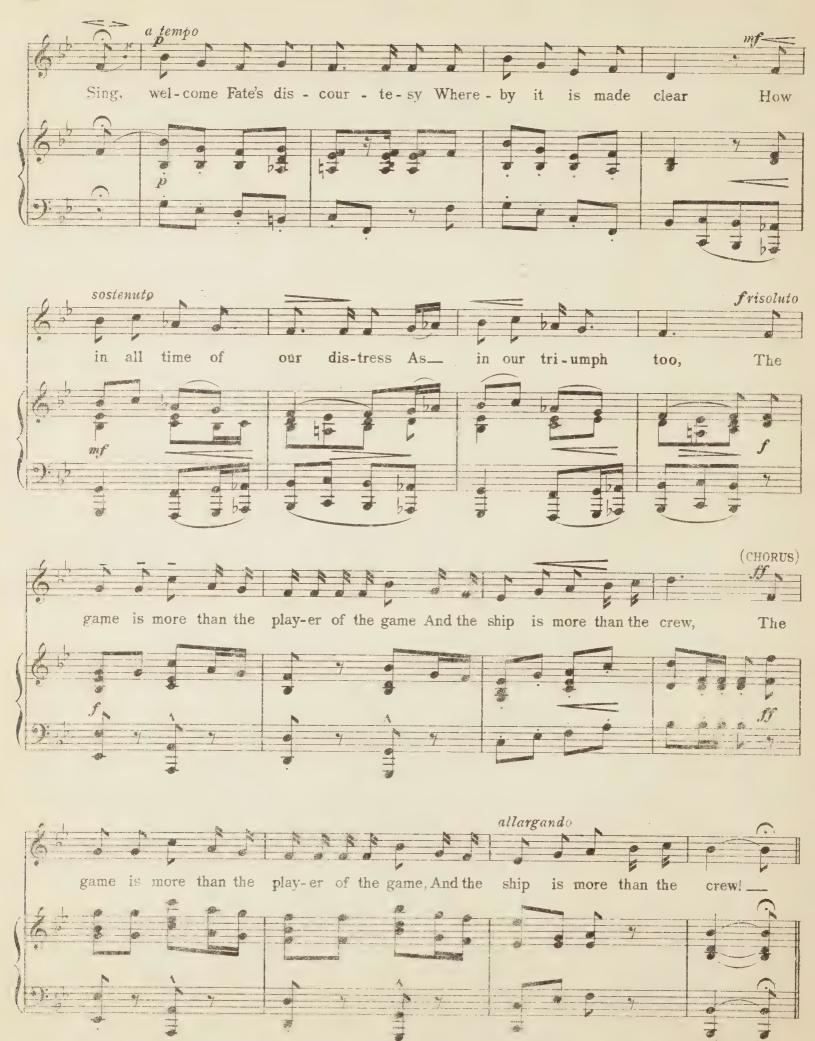
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Submarines.

The ships destroy us above
And ensnare us beneath,
We arise, we lie down, and we move
In the belly of Death.

The ships have a thousand eyes
To mark where we come...
And the mirth of a seaport dies
When our blow gets home.

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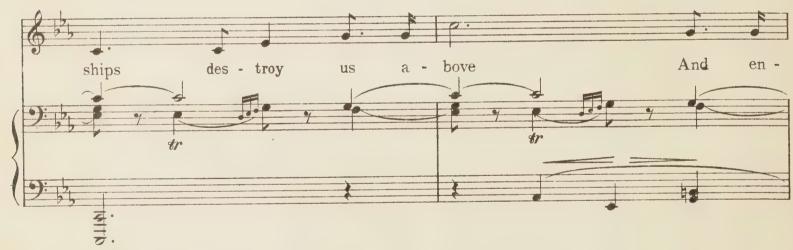
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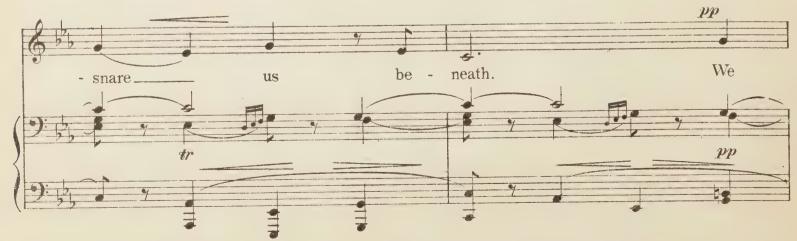
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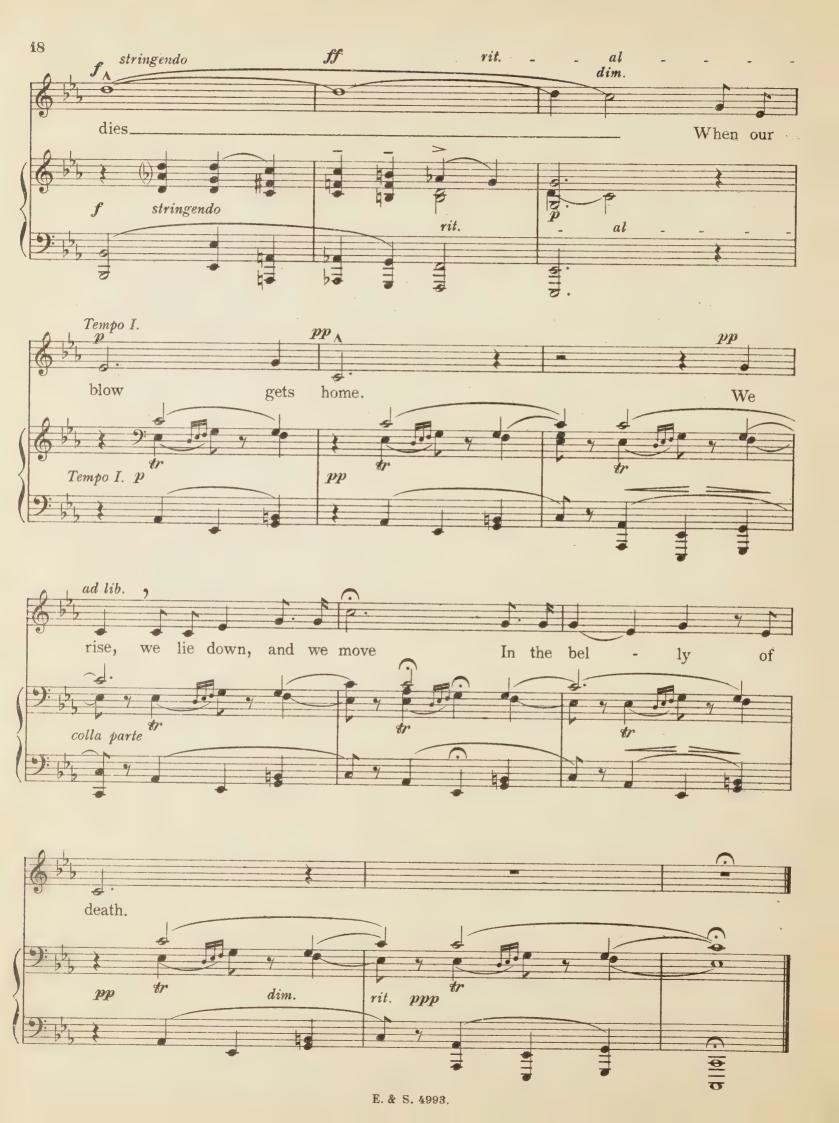
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The Sweepers.

Dawn off the Foreland—the young flood making
Jumbled and short and steep—
Black in the hollows and bright where it's breaking
Awkward water to sweep.
"Mines reported in the fairway,
Warn all traffic and detain.
'Sent up Unity, Claribel, Assyrian,
Stormcock and Golden Gain.'

Noon off the Foreland—the first ebb making
Lumpy and strong in the bight.

Boom after boom, and the golf-hut shaking
And the jackdaws wild with fright!

"Mines located in the fairway,
Boats now working up the chain.

Sweepers - Unity, Claribel, Assyrian,
Stormcock and Golden Gain:"

Dusk off the Foreland—the last light going
And the traffic crowding through,
And five damned trawlers with their syreens blowing
Heading the whole review!
"Sweep completed in the fairway,
No more mines remain.
'Sent back Unity, Claribel, Assyrian,
Stormcock and Golden Gain.'

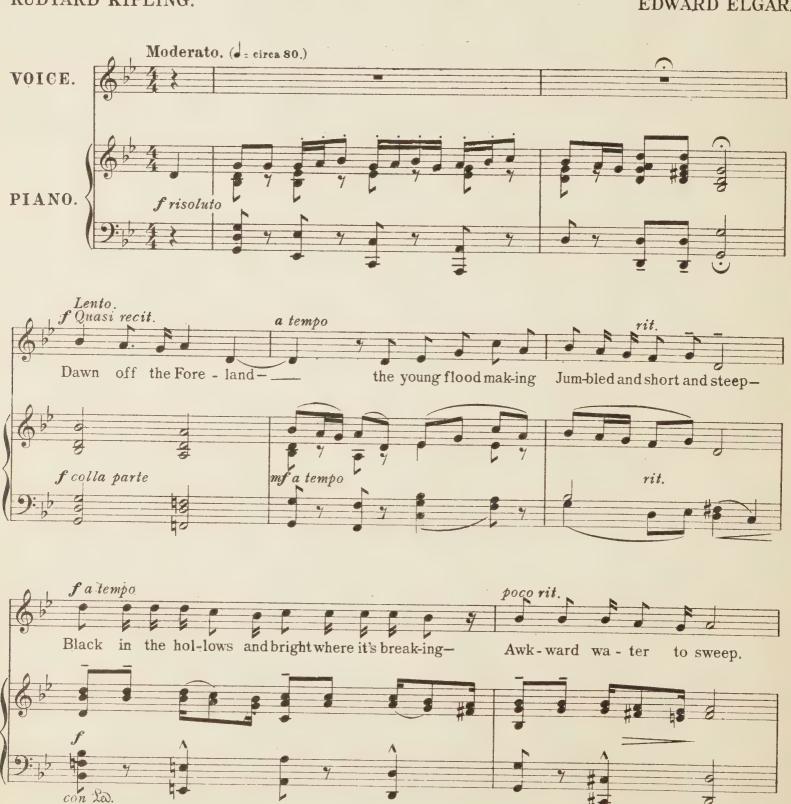
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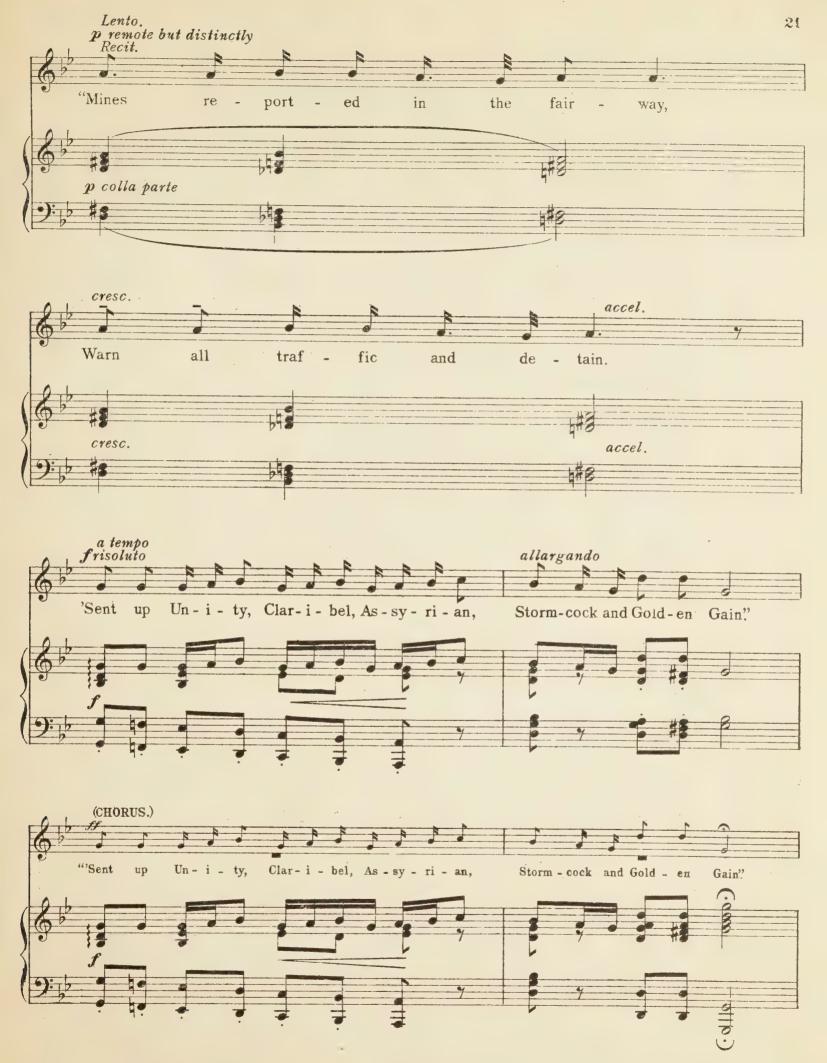


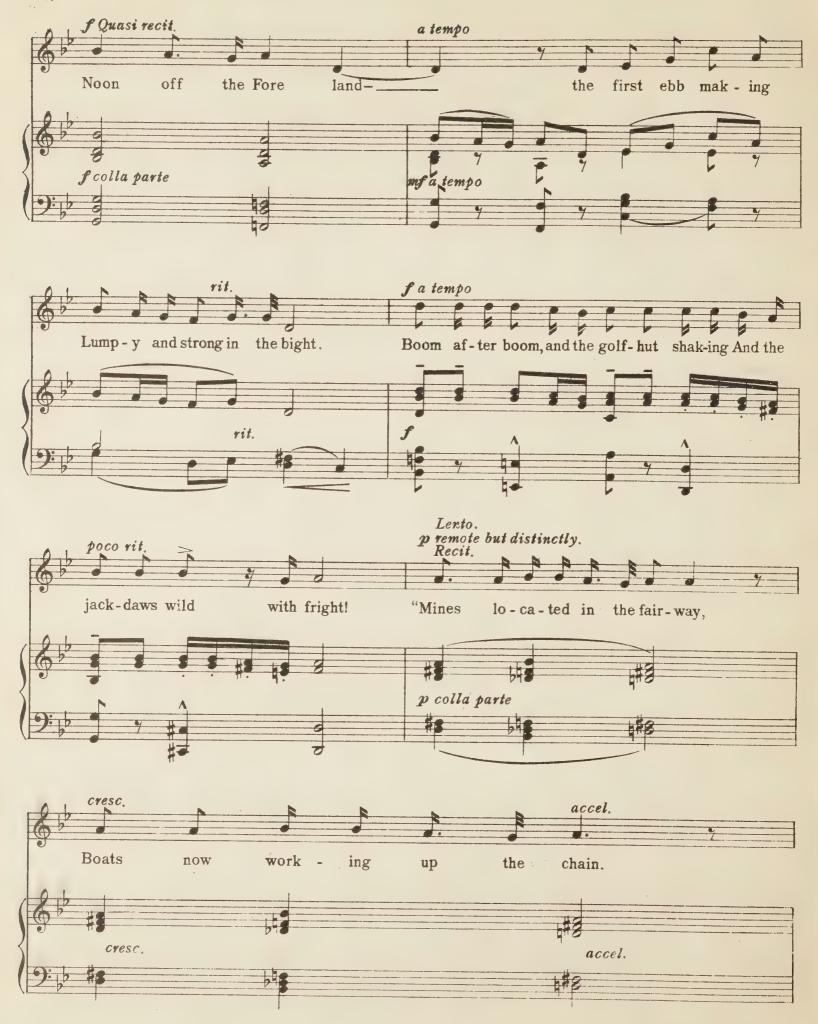
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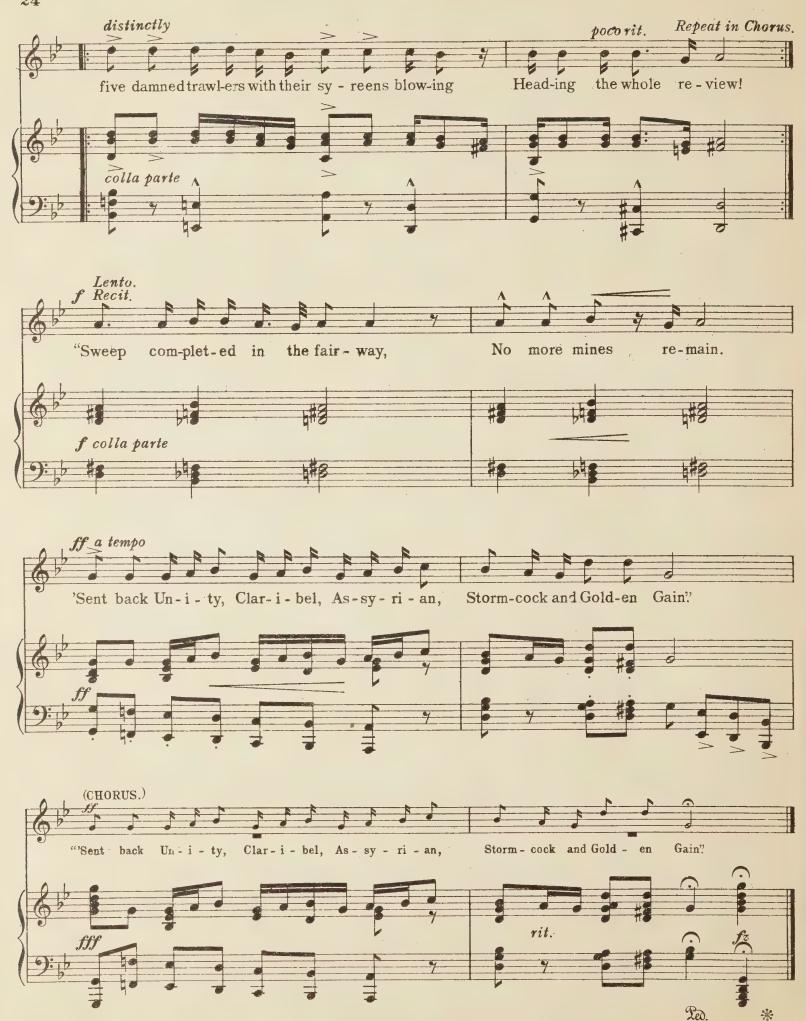
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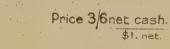


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